

I think that the band plan that is being requested for the 160 meter Amateur Radio band is an idea that represents the interests of a vocal minority. It does not embrace the concept that this hobby/public service activity is actually comprised of over 70 different pursuits. Accommodating one group at the inconvenience of all others will only serve to disenfranchise Amateur Radio operators who are just as passionate about their activities as the petitioners. We should never lose sight of the concept that Amateur Radio exists to act as a Public Service, and to further development and deployment of technology. Creating sub-bands on 160 meters is a solution looking for a problem. Ham Radio operators have relied heavily on gentleman agreements and self-enforcement for nearly a century, and this is a tradition that should be honored regarding this petition, as well.